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- ◆ IMPORTANT Information on curbside collection of recycling, yard waste and trash as well as collection dates for household hazardous waste and other special collection programs.

Recycling and Trash Guidelines for Residents

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Samuel Hadley Public Services Building

Lexington

Department of Public Works

201 Bedford Street

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Department of Public Works
Lexington, MA 02420



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Residential Customer
Lexington, MA



Important Solid Waste & Recycling Information for 2009 - 2010
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Lexington Rubbish Guidelines

HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS: (HHP)



- ◆ Bring household cleaners, oil, gasoline and other automotive products, lawn & garden chemicals, oil-based paint & stains, varnishes & wood preservatives and other products such as fluorescent bulbs, propane tanks and auto batteries to the:

Minuteman HHP Regional Facility, 60 Hartwell Avenue (off Bedford St.)

- ◆ 2009 HHP collections: Sunday Sept. 20, Saturday Oct. 17, and Saturday Nov. 7, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ 2010 HHP collections: Saturday April 24, Saturday May 15, Saturday June 19, Saturday July 17, Saturday August 21, Sunday Sept. 19, Saturday October 16, and Saturday Nov. 13, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- ◆ For a complete listing of acceptable and nonacceptable materials go to Town website at: www.lexingtonma.gov/dpwhhwhfacility.cfm or call the Board of Health at (781) 862-0500 ext. 200.

- ◆ Don't bring water-base latex paint to HHP collections. Open cans to air to dry out, when hardened put out with regular trash.

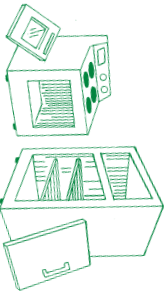
SAFETY TIPS:

- ◆ Sort and pack paint, pesticides and cleaners separately. Pack your car and go directly to the collection site. Never smoke while handling items; tighten caps and lids; never mix chemicals and use original labeled containers. Always keep children and pets away from toxic items.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

For a missed pickup, call JRM at 1-800-323-4285. For general information about the Town's trash and recycling programs call DPW at 781-274-8300 or call the Solid Waste and Recycling Information Line at

781-274-8325. You can also go to the Town Web Page at <http://www.lexingtonma.gov/dpw/environmentalservices.cfm> and use Solid Waste under Quicklinks



APPLIANCES & LARGE METAL ITEMS:

- ◆ Resident must call JRM at 1-800-323-4285 to schedule curbside collection of an appliance or large metal items which will be collected on the same day as your weekly trash day. Resident must schedule appointment by 3 PM the day prior to your regular trash collection day.
- ◆ Resident must have scheduled appliance out to the curb by 7 am. for pick-up. Doors on freezer or refrigerator must be removed.
- ◆ Stoves, microwaves, clothes washers and dryers, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, water heaters and dehumidifiers are required by law to be handled separately from household trash.
- ◆ Large scrap metal items such as a desk, bike, cabinet, barbeque grill (w/o propane tank) wood stove or box spring etc. must be scheduled for curbside collection like an appliance. Please note that lawnmowers and snow blowers can also be picked-up but these items must be completely drained of oil and gas.

MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL DAYS:

- ◆ Monday Oct. 19, 2009 5PM – 7:30PM, Saturday Nov. 21, 2009, 9AM – 12 Noon, Saturday April 3, 2010 9AM – 12 noon, and Wednesday June 2, 2010 5PM – 7:30 PM behind Town Hall, 1625 Mass. Ave. in the parking lot behind the building.
- ◆ What to Bring:
 - Sharps, needles, syringes stored in capped sturdy containers, such as Sharp containers, detergent bottle, coffee can or similar non-returnable sturdy containers.
- ◆ Lexington Residents Only (ID required such as a driver's license)
- ◆ For more information call 781-862-0500 x 237

Robert Beaudoine, Supt. of Environmental Services

NEW DROP-OFF RECYCLING OPTIONS AT HARTWELL AVE.

Residents can now drop-off limited amounts (no more than 3 five-gallon buckets at a time) of miscellaneous small rocks, broken asphalt and broken concrete in the designated drop-off area at the Lexington Compost facility at Hartwell Avenue.

DROP-OFF OF UNIVERSAL WASTE (mercury bearing items)

Mass. DEP banned the disposal of mercury containing items in the trash. Lexington residents (proof of residency required upon request) can drop-off thermostats, thermometers, fluorescent bulbs, compact fluorescent bulbs, button cell batteries and nickel cadmium rechargeable batteries at the Universal Waste shed at Hartwell Avenue during regular operating hours. No other hazardous wastes accepted at shed. These mercury items can also be brought to any of the 8 HHP collections (see under HHP section).

SCRAP METAL:

Residents are encouraged to use the scrap metal drop container located at Hartwell Avenue during regular operating hours. Acceptable scrap metal items include antennas, bed frames, bikes, curtain rods, fans, file cabinets, grills (charcoal and gas remove tank), gutters, downspouts, ladders, railings, pots and pans, screen doors metal shelving, signs, sinks, swing sets, toasters and wheelbarrows, during regular operating hours and on the weekends.

Lexington Recycling Guidelines

“Recycle Every Week in Lexington”

why recycle?

Recycling saves money, creates jobs and reduces climate change. For every ton we recycle, we save 17 trees, 2 barrels of oil, 7000 gallons of water and over 3000 pounds of air pollutants. In FY09 trash was reduced by 271 tons resulting in a savings of almost \$20,000 and compost revenues totaling \$330,000 were generated out of the Lexington Compost facility.

important recycling instructions

- ◆ Recycling is MANDATORY in Lexington.
- ◆ If recyclables appear in trash, JRM will sticker item and leave it behind.
- ◆ Place recyclables at curb at least 8' away from trash.
- ◆ Place recycle bins out by 7 A.M. on your collection day.
- ◆ Remove empty recycle bins within 12 hours of collection.
- ◆ New and replacement recycling bins are available at the new Lexington Public Services Facility, 201 Bedford Street. Each household is entitled to 2 recycle bins at no charge. Additional bins cost \$6 each. To recycle broken recycle bins return them to 201 Bedford St. Compost bins (\$30) and rain barrels (\$75 until supplies last) can be purchased at 201 Bedford Street, Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and picked-up at the Lexington Compost facility at Hartwell Avenue, Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- ◆ Don't Throw it Away! If you want to find a new home for something, whether it's a toy, chair, piano or just about anything else simply send an e-mail offering it to members of the Freecycle group in your area. Go to www.freecycle.org for details.

Lexington Compost facility

Leaves, grass, yard waste including brush/branches ONLY 1" – 4" in diameter. Drop-off: Lexington Compost Facility, 60 Hartwell Ave. opens mid March – mid Dec. weather permitting, weekdays M-F 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and Sundays 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Expanded hours for 10 weeks in the fall and spring. Starting Sept. 28 – Dec. 4, 2009 weekdays 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekends Sat & Sun. open 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Spring expanded hours starting March 29 – June 4, 2010 weekdays 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekends Sat & Sun. open 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Except on HHP collections open until 2PM.

For additional drop-off recycling services at Compost Site (see other side of flyer)

paper & cardboard:

Lexington operates a two-sort program: best if paper is separated from commingled containers. Mixed paper in a paper bag can be placed on top of recycle bin with commingled containers. Keep paper free of food and plastic wrapping and NO PLASTIC BAGS.



what to recycle:

- ◆ Newspapers/inserts
- ◆ Magazines, phone books and catalogs
- ◆ Junk mail/office paper
- ◆ Clean pizza boxes (folded inside out)
- ◆ Paperboard (cereal and shoe boxes etc.) and paperback books
- ◆ Corrugated cardboard
- ◆ Curbside collection: cardboard must be flattened and cut to 36" x 36" or less, and for multiple pieces it must be tied/bundled together, or placed under or between recycle bins. Cardboard placed in trash barrel/bags will be stickered and all contents left at the curb. Drop-off option: bring flattened oversized cardboard to container at Lexington Compost facility mid March - mid December. See yard waste drop-off for hours.

no need to remove...

...staples, paper clips, metal spirals, or plastic windows on envelopes.



glass, metal & plastic containers:

Place rinsed containers loose in your bin, no plastic bags.



what to recycle:

- ◆ Clear, green and brown glass food and beverage containers only
- ◆ Deposit and non-deposit beverage cans
- ◆ Metal food cans, lids and caps
- ◆ Aluminum pie plates and trays
- ◆ Aseptic containers such as: milk and juice cartons, and juice/drink boxes
- ◆ All ♻️ thru ♻️ plastic containers ONLY (look for symbol on bottom of containers)
- ◆ Stiff plastic Styrofoam food trays

how to prepare paper:

- ◆ Place mixed paper in brown paper bags in or on top of recycle bin with containers or place all mixed paper together in recycle bin separate from recycle bin with commingled containers.
- ◆ Paperboard (e.g. cereal & cracker boxes) flattened, foil & plastic liners removed
- ◆ Call Friends of Cary Library 781-862-6288 or Got Books at 978-327-7600 to donate books
- ◆ Shredded paper must be put in a paper bag and stapled closed and placed in or on top of paper recycling bin
- ◆ **cardboard:** Cut to 3 ft x 3 ft and secure under or between bins or flatten, fold & stuff in a paper bag or paper recycling bin;

Soiled Pizza boxes are not accepted.

how to prepare containers:

- ◆ RINSE CLEAN ALL CONTAINERS
- ◆ Collars, neck rings & labels ok
- ◆ Crush plastic & aseptic containers
- ◆ RINSE CLEAN and include with other containers
- ◆ Remove straws from juice/drink boxes

do not include:

- ◆ NO plastic bags-recycle at area grocery stores
- ◆ Plastic motor oil or chemical containers
- ◆ All stiff Styrofoam packaging should be put in trash
- ◆ Corks and broken glass
- ◆ Ceramics, window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, drinking glasses and unclean flowerpots
- ◆ Aluminum foil, paint cans, metal items, aerosol cans, coat hangers
- ◆ To recycle large metal items, see page 3 appliances

how to prepare yard waste:

- ◆ Place yard waste in paper biodegradable bags or open barrels without lids & place at curbside separate from trash & recycling
- ◆ ORANGE yard waste stickers for barrels available at DPW

do not include:

- ◆ NO PLASTIC BAGS
- ◆ No stumps or logs
- ◆ No rocks, stones, dirt or sand
- ◆ No construction waste
- ◆ No Brush larger than 1" in diameter

LEXINGTON COLLECTION CALENDAR 2009-2010

SEPTEMBER 2009

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Observed Holidays



Curbside Yard Waste Collections



Christmas Tree Collection 1/11/10 thru 1/15/10



Medical Waste Collections



HHP (Hazardous Household Products) Events

leaf & yard waste:

Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected.

See shaded area in the recycling calendar for weeks when yard waste will be collected at the curb.



what is yard waste?

- ◆ Leaves, grass clippings, dead flower plants, wood chips, pine needles, organic vegetation, brush 1 inch in diameter or less

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING Special curbside recycling collection during Jan. 11 – 15, 2010 on regular collection day. Trees are picked up in separate truck. Resident must remove all foreign objects (plastic bags, ornaments, tinsel, lights, etc.) Place tree curbside separate from trash & recyclables. An alternative is to drop off tree at the Lexington Compost facility at Hartwell Avenue from 12/27/09 – 1/31/10 ALL FOREIGN OBJECTS MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE TREE. Please note: Christmas trees will no longer be accepted at the Samuel Hadley Public Services Building on 201 Bedford Street

<http://www.lexingtonma.gov/dpw/environmentalservices.cfm>